GP.1653

Dkt. 59360/JPW/AN

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Lorna W. Role, et al.

Serial No.:

09/312,596

Filed

May 14, 1999

For

A-FORM OF CYTOPLASMIC DOMAIN OF NARIA (CRD-

NEUREGULIN) AND USES THEREOF

1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 1096

March 7, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the above-identified application:

In the Specification:

On page $1/\sqrt{n}$, please delete the paragraph after the title and before line 10.

Applicants maintain that the amendment to the specification does not raise an issue of new matter. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment to the specification.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.